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# Colby defends intelligence units

WASHINGTON [UPI]—CIA Director William Colby said Thursday United States intelligence should do more than gather information and under some conditions should try quietly to influence situations in other countries.

Colby gave his views on how American intelligence should be kept "responsible" in the future in a speech to the "Pacem in Terris" [Peace on Earth] foreign policy conference.

Sen. Frank Church [D., Idaho], chairman of the committee conducting inquiries into CIA activities, also was addressing the conference Thursday.

"THE CAPABILITY OF intelligence quietly to influence foreign situations can—and has—contributed to peace," Colby said.

"In a number of instances, some quiet assistance to democratic and friendly elements enabled them to resist hostile and authoritarian groups in an internal competition over the future direction of their countries.

THE WISDOM OF some specific actions might be debated, Colby said, but, "That such a potential must be available for use in situations truly important to our country and the cause of peace is equally obvious."

Colby was more specific than President Ford on continuing CIA authority to actively influence events abroad. Ford told a Thanksgiving eve news conference there should be no more assassination plots but that the U. S. should remain able to carry out "covert" operations abroad when its own security requires it.